

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image pickup apparatus comprising:
image pickup means for generating image data;
and

5 inspection data generating means for generating
inspection data necessary to inspect whether the
image data is modified or not,

wherein a generation method of the inspection
data is changed according to a recording method of
10 the image data.

2. An image pickup apparatus, comprising:
image pickup means for generating image data;
and

15 inspection data generating means for, according
to one of a first generation method and a second
generation method, generating inspection data
necessary to inspect whether the image data is
modified or not,

20 wherein data indicating a generation method of
the inspection data is added to the image data.